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Fallen officers honoured during service

TRIBUTE Hundreds gathered at the legislature grounds yesterday in Edmonton to commemorate Albertan peace and police officers who have died while in the line of duty.

Family members, government officials, and provincial and municipal police association representatives stood at attention for over an hour in tribute to the 94 dead since 1876.

"Day in and out, police and peace officers commit their lives to ensuring our safety and security," said Premier Ed Stelmach. "Fallen officers deserve our deepest gratitude for their sacrifice."

There was a moment of silence, a parade, a laying of wreaths, prayers and a fly-past of CF-18 aircraft from the 4 Wing Canadian Forces Base in Cold Lake.

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Fashion Week — Italy

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A model presents a creation as part of the John Richmond spring/summer 2010 women's collection during Milan Fashion Week yesterday in Italy.

Street-race culture on police radar

Alderman hopes Race City extension means safer roads

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Underground street racing isn't just featured in movies like The Fast and the Furious — a covert racing culture already exists on our city streets, according to Calgary police.

City council debates the future of Race City Speedway this week, and with some voicing concern the closure will result in fast and furious drivers causing havoc on city streets, police say racers are already going head-to-head in isolated parts of the city.

"(Having Race City) doesn't mean street racing is erased from the city. There is a culture of underground street racing and impromptu street races do occur," police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell said, adding the participants may spread the word by social media such as Facebook or texting.

Brookwell said police have already conducted three special projects where they target and break up illegal street races by using "proactive disruption."

"They're usually in industrial areas and newer areas where there isn't a lot of traffic. Police and HAWCS will show up and everyone scatters away. It still goes on, even with Race City."

Ald. Ric McIver is putting forward a motion to extend the lease of the racing venue for another five years to allow law-abiding car enthusiasts a place to legally race their cars.

"I think we know there is already a small problem of street racing, but my concern is that problem will be compounded if people are inclined to turn to the streets," McIver said.

"How much worse would the problem get, how many deaths and injuries? I don't want to know."

City inspections boss frustrated by falling debris

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HAZARDS A city building-regulations officer is frustrated with another incident involving falling debris on Saturday and says the problem is entirely preventable.

Crews were called out Saturday evening when a piece of scaffolding fell from the 19th floor of a construction site in the 200 block of 9th Avenue SW onto a parkade ramp.

Marco Civitarese, City of Calgary operational supervisor for building regulations, said they have issued a stop-work notice at the site and added it was lucky nobody was hurt.

"It's definitely concerning. It's frustrating that these are preventable and it is the responsibility of the building owners to meet the safety and regulation codes," he said.

"They've been told they need to meet the requirements. It's a matter of responsibility and it's getting to the point of frustration."

Just last week, three companies were charged with safety violations in relation to the death of a three-year-old girl in August, who was killed by falling construction debris.

Civitarese said Alberta Occupational Health and Safety will also be reviewing the incident, but in the meantime the work site has been closed down.

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Weddings a couple affair

More men join women in planning the big day: Expo organizer

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Future groom Jeff Skoczek expected the Calgary Bridal Expo to be full of women but he was surprised to see dozens of other grooms-to-be perusing dresses and dinnerware at the expo yesterday.

"I knew it would be busy with women — women love their weddings. But I thought for sure I was the only guy," he joked.

Skoczek and his future wife Amber Burke got engaged in May and thought the expo would be a good start to figure out what they need to do to plan the wedding. "We are planning everything, start to finish, and I knew it would take a lot of planning, and a lot of money," he added.

When asked how important the wedding dress selection is, the two exchanged giggles and glances. "I have a wedding gown in mind, but I wanted to see what my options were," Burke said.

Skoczek wasn't the only groom happily, or unhappily, tagging along with his future wife, according to expo co-producer Lenora Kingcott. She said she expected about 1,200 brides, and 3,000 guests total — 25 per cent of which she expected to be future brides.

"I think couples are paying for their own weddings these days, instead of the parents, so we see more men getting involved with their partners and planning the wedding together," she said.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Jeff Skoczek and Amber Burke, future groom and bride, spend their Sunday trying to pick the perfect bride's dress at the 2009 Bridal Expo held yesterday at the BMO Centre.

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Citizens hope council 'listening' on Plan-It

MEETING Concerned citizens hope that Calgary's aldermen will take their suggestions to heart today during continued debate over the city's Plan-It development plan.

"Have the courage of your convictions" is Nasheed Nenshi's message to councillors as they head into today's meeting.

Nenshi is a volunteer with the Better Calgary Campaign and said council should consider a citizen's report card on the amendments to the plan.

He said, most importantly, council should not accept an amendment that changes a section requiring developers to have 70 people per gross developable hectare to 70 people or jobs.

"We can not live with that one," he said adding the change could allow the city's sprawl to continue.

Plan-It will set development policy for the city for the next 60 years.

"Calgarians are engaged in decisions that affect our future," said Cheri Macaulay, a member of CivicCamp. "Today we find out if council is listening."

The Canadian Homebuilders Association has spoken against the plan along with other development groups, saying the market should control the flow of development.

MEREDITH O'HARA/ FOR METRO CALGARY

Feds mull fields of Alberta poppies

AGRICULTURE A type of opium poppy used to make painkillers may be sown across Wild Rose Country, a newly released document shows.

The federal government is giving thought to planting Canada's first commercial poppy crop and the parched Prairies are the perfect place to do it, says a briefing note for Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz.

"Parts of Canada, particularly southern Alberta, are ideally suited for the production of poppies," it says. Poppies could be a cash crop for farmers battered by record dry weather this year. The government estimates farmers could earn $3,000 to $6,000 a hectare growing poppies, compared to about $800 for a hectare of wheat.

The Canadian Press obtained the document under the Access to Information Act.

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Calgary in brief

CLIMATE Canadians from across the country met at the University of Calgary this weekend for the first worldwide public consultation on climate change. WWViews will give 103 citizens the chance to give Canada's official public input on global warming for the upcoming COP 15 meeting in Copenhagen.

HEALTH The new president of the Alberta Medical Association, Dr. Christopher Doig, wants doctors to be equal partners with the provincial government when it comes to health-care reform. METRO CALGARY

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NDP to hold health-care hearings
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Hazra Chowdhry, 7, waits to participate in the first annual Multi-Faith Walk to End Family Violence yesterday, which started at Eau Claire Festival Market.

Different faiths, one walk

Religious groups come together to end family violence

MEREDITH O'HARA
for Metro Calgary

On a day when many Calgarians were heading to church, people of all faiths joined together yesterday for the first Multi-Faith Walk to End Family Violence.

The event was inspired by Syed Soharwardy, the Calgary Muslim leader who walked across Canada against violence last summer.

Soharwardy spoke at yesterday's event along with religious leaders from the Buddhist, Sikh, Jewish and Christian communities in Calgary.

"Family violence crosses all boundries," said Linda White, the executive director of the Alliance to End Violence, the group behind this year's walk.

"To have represented here all these religions declaring their interest in ending family violence is a big step," she said.

Calgary has one of the highest rates of family violence, said Lisa Fakowsky, executive director of the Calgary women's emergency shelter.

"It's time to say 'no more,'" said Fakowsky.

> **"It's time to say 'no more.'"**
> Lisa Fakowsky, executive director, Calgary women's emergency shelter

SunnySide

About 200 Calgarians turned out for the walk which made a stop at the city's Garden of Hope.

Darlene Haslam is the volunteer in charge of the garden; she became involved with the shelter in 2002 after her cousin was killed by domestic violence.

"It's a place where we could go to contemplate family violence," said Haslam, adding the garden is a place of renewal for survivors and their families.

The Calgary women's emergency shelter plans to add to the garden along the Bow River trail so more people know it's there.

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Archdiocese bans handshakes

The Catholic Archdiocese of Winnipeg has banned handshaking between church-goers over concerns it could lead people to contract the H1N1 influenza virus, also known as swine flu, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Winnipeg holds landfill 'giveaways'

Winnipeggers will be hitting the streets on Saturday and yesterday looking for the ultimate bargain — the freebie — while doing their part to keep usable items out of local landfills, CBC News Online reports. It's the city's inaugural "giveaway" weekend, a chance for residents to get rid of all of those usable "treasures" that have been cluttering up basements and garages simply by putting them out on the curb for others. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Terrorist eyes legal practice

LAW A convicted terrorist is asking to practise law in Greater Toronto.

Parminder Singh Saini, 46, blames youth for his violent past and says he is rehabilitated.

Saini

"I had no legitimate right to do that," he recently told the Law Society of Upper Canada of a 1984 airline hijacking in his native India. "It's not legal."

He deserves a second chance, his advocates say.

"He served his time and was subsequently pardoned," says York University political science professor Sandra Whitworth,

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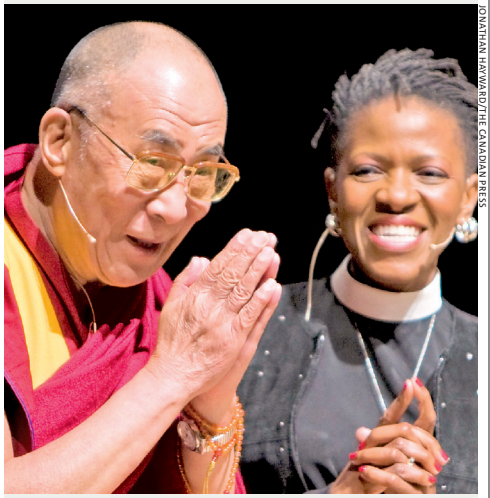

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The Dalai Lama, left, greets the crowd prior to a panel discussion with the Reverend Mpho Tutu, right, in Vancouver yesterday. The Dalai Lama is visiting Vancouver to take part in the World Peace Summit. He said that technology may be getting in the way of peace.

Harper to deliver economic report card

Statement of progress expected to draw opposition fire

While MPs return to the Commons today, Prime Minister Stephen Harper will deliver his government's latest economic report card in Saint John, N.B., far from the fractious opposition benches.

The statement on the progress of the government's stimulus program will draw fire from the Liberals, who say they are ready to topple the government at their first opportunity, perhaps as early as this week.

Liberal finance critic John McCallum said it really doesn't matter what's in the economic statement.

"We Liberals have made our decision," he said. "We're voting against the government, so in that sense the outcome is foregone."

This will leave NDP Leader Jack Layton to decide whether he can support the government, as he did earlier this month.

All three opposition parties must vote together to defeat the government.

Appearing on CTV's Question Period yesterday, Transport Minister John Baird said Harper will provide an upbeat status report.

"He'll be able to give Canadians a real update on where we are on the economy, where we are on infrastructure spending," Baird said.

"He'll be able to tell people what we're doing to keep our banking system strong and the real success we've had working with provinces and municipalities across the country on infrastructure," Baird added.

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Attack on boy leads to culling of loose dogs

SASKATCHEWAN Mounting frustration over an attack on a child has prompted officials in a northern Saskatchewan village to destroy loose dogs, saying the extreme measure is needed to fix a problem that plagues many remote communities.

"It is a last resort," says Ile a la Crosse Mayor Duane Favel.

"We can request that (owners) tie up their dogs and take care of them and be accountable and responsible for them, but when that doesn't happen this is the only alternative that we have. I don't like it."

Last weekend, six-year-old Shiloh Berscheid was badly bitten while playing outside in the village.

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News in brief

COURTS Canada's spy agency and the federal government are expected to be thrown on the defensive today as lawyers for an Egyptian man suspected of terrorist ties argue to have proceedings against him stopped. Mahmoud Jaballah claims the government violated his constitutional rights by slapping him with a second national security certificate in 2001 because the courts had already ruled in his favour. Ottawa wants to deport Jaballah to Egypt.

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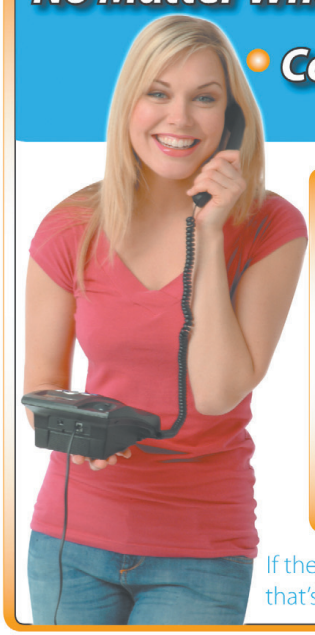

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Charest looks to balance books

Quebec Premier Jean Charest is warning Quebecers it's time to tighten their belts to help the province balance its books. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No 'blame Canada' in terrorism case

U.S. at fault for suspect's visit up north: Expert

It was high-profile news in Canada: Najibullah Zazi, the man accused of plotting what might have been the biggest U.S. terrorist attack since 9-11, travelled twice to Canada in the months prior to his arrest.

And yet as Americans pore over every detail of his high-profile arrest, the Canadian connection has barely registered, despite assertions by prosecutors that Zazi's visits north of the border — and trips to Pakistan, allegedly for terrorism training — were reasons he should be considered a flight risk.

There's been little sign of the "blame Canada" rhetoric so prevalent in the U.S. in the weeks and months following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Some suggest that's because Canada might not have done anything wrong if American authorities failed to alert their Canadian colleagues that Zazi was a threat.

It's also unclear when Zazi travelled to Canada. A relative in Mississauga, Ont., has been vague, saying it was some time in the past year or two. U.S. authorities have had Zazi under surveillance since August 2008.

Chris Sands, a border expert at the Washington-based Hudson Institute, said if there was a fall-down at the Canada-U.S. boundary, it could have been an American rather than Canadian mistake.

"Since we had admitted him in the U.S. and there was no flag on him, it makes sense that Canadian officials wouldn't have been worried about him either," he said of Zazi, an Afghan national.

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Kingston **Cops try to stop rowdy parties**

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Toronto Police Mounted Unit members walk up and down Aberdeen Street in Kingston, Ont., on Saturday during a street party. Numbers were down this year for the unsanctioned event that was once tied to Queen's University's homecoming celebrations. Kingston police received help from the Toronto police and Ontario Provincial Police riot squads. Around 80 arrests were made.

Researchers develop portable cancer test

SCIENCE Toronto researchers have developed a portable device they say will accurately diagnose prostate cancer in 30 minutes.

The microchip technology, created by a pair of University of Toronto scientists, will be able to determine the severity of the tumours through a simple urine sample and produce quick diagnosis with no need for painful biopsies.

Now heading into the engineering stage, a BlackBerry-sized device should be available for doctors' use within two to three years and could eventually be tuned to detect a broad range of cancers and infectious ailments, the researchers say.

"The goal would be to produce a result … while you're sitting in the waiting room," said engineering professor Ted Sargent, who holds the U of T's Canada Research Chair in Nanotechnology. A paper on the work was published yesterday in the journal Nature Nanotechnology.

The device uses a fingertip-sized microchip — fitted with microscopic meshing — programmed to detect DNA sequences and proteins uniquely produced by specific cancers or pathogens.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Former captive says FARC despised her

COLUMBIA Ingrid Betancourt, the French-Colombian politician held hostage for more than six years by guerrillas in the Colombian jungle, told CBC News in an exclusive interview that her captors despised her, CBC News Online reports.

"I was a politician. They hated politicians. I was a person with some education. They had none, so they thought I [had] a privileged social background and they hated me for that," Betancourt said.

Betancourt, a former presidential candidate in Colombia, was captured by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia in 2002. METRO NEWS SERVICES

U.S. readies unprecedented flu shot tracking system

The U.S. government is starting an unprecedented system to track possible side-effects as mass H1N1 flu vaccinations begin next month.
The idea is to detect any rare, but real problems quickly, and explain the inevitable coincidences that are sure to cause some false alarms. THE ASSOCIATED PRESSS

World

Berlusconi puts foot in mouth again

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi told a rally in Milan that he was bringing greetings from the United States from "What's his name? Some tanned guy. Ah, Barack Obama!" Shortly after Obama's election, Berlusconi raised eyebrows by saying the victor was "young, handsome and even has a good tan." This time, Berlusconi also took a poke at first lady Michelle Obama, left. "You won't believe it," he said yesterday, "but two of them went to the beach because the wife is also tanned." Berlusconi is known for his gaffes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

GERMANY German Chancellor Angela Merkel yesterday won the centre-right majority that eluded her four years ago — nudging Europe's biggest economic power to the right as it claws its way out of a deep recession. Voters sent the nation's main left-wing party, the Social Democrats of Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, into opposition after 11 years as part of the government. It was the party's worst election result since the Second World War.

EARTHQUAKE China's devastating earthquake last year that left some 90,000 people dead or missing was caused by a geological event that occurs about once every 4,000 years, a study led by Chinese researchers said yesterday. Researchers said the 7.9-magnitude quake was caused by the breaking of solid rock separating major fault segments, allowing the quake to cascade along multiple faults.

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Storm leaves at least 106 dead or missing

Many Filipino villagers managed to save only the clothes on their backs but began to rebuild yesterday as the flood waters receded from a tropical storm that set off the worst flooding in Manila in 42 years.

Army troops, police and civilian volunteers plucked dead bodies from muddy flood waters and rescued survivors from rooftops after Tropical Storm Ketsana tore through the northern Philippines a day earlier, leaving at least 106 people dead and missing. Some residents began to clean up as the flood waters receded. Still, many parts of the capital city remained flooded. A brief period of sunshine showed the extent of the devastation in many neighbourhoods — destroyed houses, overturned vehicles, and roads covered in debris and mud.

Ketsana dumped more than a month's worth of rain in just 12 hours, causing the government to declare a "state of calamity."

The rains swamped entire towns and set off landslides that have left at least 83 people dead and 23 others missing, Defence Secretary Gilbert Teodoro said.

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People wade through floodwaters yesterday east of Manila.

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Iran tests missiles

TEHRAN Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard said it successfully test-fired short-range missiles yesterday in drills meant to show Tehran is prepared to crush any military threat from another country.

The display of force comes days after the U.S. and its allies warned Iran over a newly revealed nuclear facility it was secretly constructing.

Gen. Hossein Salami, head of the Revolutionary Guard Air Force, said Iran had perfected its short range missiles to make them more accurate in tactical battlefield situations and defend the country from any attacks.

"We are going to respond to any military action in a crushing manner and it doesn't make any difference which country or regime has launched the aggression," state media quoted Salami as saying. He said the missiles successfully hit their targets. The tests came two days after the U.S. and its allies disclosed that Iran had been secretly developing a previously unknown underground uranium enrichment facility.

"We are going to respond to any military action in a crushing manner."
Gen. Hossein Salami

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said she doesn't believe Iran can convince the U.S. and other world powers at the upcoming meeting that its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes, putting Tehran on a course for tougher economic penalties beyond the current "leaky sanctions."

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Pope says Europe needs to embrace Christianity
Pope Benedict XVI said yesterday that Europe must acknowledge its Christian heritage immigration rises from other religions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Success of vaccine trial credited to Thai people

Nearly 16,000 Thais ignored the false rumours that they were being infected by the AIDS virus, and overcame their fears of becoming social outcasts to participate in trials of the first vaccine found to prevent infection with the deadly virus.

Many of the volunteers — an eclectic mix of housewives, fishermen, factory workers, labourers and even prostitutes — saw first hand how the disease ravaged this region of plantations and industrial estates in southeast Thailand, and they wanted to do their part to end the epidemic that kills millions worldwide each year.

"In the '80s, the coffin business was booming around here."
Tanad Yomaha

"In the '80s, the coffin business was booming around here. It was one family, after another," said Tanad Yomaha, a volunteer whose sister and brother-in-law died of AIDS. "The temple here had at least one cremation ceremony every night and people were in perpetual mourning."

Their quiet dedication — 90 per cent of the volunteers stuck with the trial for over six years — paid off when American and Thai authorities announced Thursday that the experimental vaccine had been found to prevent infection with the AIDS virus, an unexpected result that many scientists thought would never be possible.

The vaccine was shown to cut the risk of HIV infection by more than 31 per cent.

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South Africa **You may now kiss the brides**

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Bridegroom Milton Mbhele, with his four brides, left to right, Happiness, Thobile, Simangele and Zanele, at their wedding in Weenen, South Africa, Saturday. South African law recognizes traditional polygamous marriages — even President Jacob Zuma has three wives. While polygamy remains common among several tribes, simultaneous weddings such as this one are rare.

FBI releases Oklahoma City surveillance tapes

TERROR The FBI has released long-secret security tapes showing the chaos immediately after the 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building. The soundless recordings show people rushing from nearby buildings after the fertilizer bomb went off. They don't show the actual explosion outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

The tapes were obtained by an attorney and provided to The Oklahoman, the newspaper reported yesterday.

Some of them show people fleeing their buildings through corridors cluttered with fallen debris.

The FBI this summer released more than 20 recordings made from surveillance camera tapes recovered in downtown Oklahoma City. A Utah attorney, Jesse Trentadue, obtained the recordings through the federal Freedom of Information Act.

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News in brief

PORTUGAL The centre-left Socialist Party retained power in Portuguese elections yesterday, despite the country's highest jobless rate in 20 years. "We have once more been chosen to govern Portugal," Prime Minister Jose Socrates, the Socialist leader, said. "This is a clear and extraordinary victory." With more than 99 per cent of votes counted, the incumbent Socialists had 36.5 per cent compared with 29 per cent for the centre-right Social Democratic Party, the main opposition party. The conservative Popular Party polled 10.5 per cent, while the more radical socialist Left Bloc had almost 10 per cent.

SOUTH CAROLINA A candidate to be South Carolina's next National Guard leader skipped the fiery speeches for firepower, launching his campaign with what he called a "machine-gun social." The Greenville News reports some 500 people came out to a shooting range Saturday for Republican Dean Allen's political rally. He wants to be the next adjutant general, the person who leads the state's National Guard. Attendees paid $25 for barbecue, a clip of bullets for target practice and the chance to win a semiautomatic AK-47. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A history of giving thanks

HineSight

The season of holidays is upon us. Rosh Hashanah has barely passed and Yom Kippur began last night which means Succoth is just around the corner. Ramadan has just ended, marked by the feast of Eid al-Fitr. Thanksgiving arrives in only two weeks. Everywhere in Canada folk are eating, fasting, praying, eating more, arguing with family, and swearing they're going to do the holidays different next year. This is called "tradition."

Today, we begin a two-part series on Thanksgiving. Part I: History.

Technically, Thanksgiving is not a religious holiday. Nowhere in the Bible does God proclaim, "Thou shalt go forth and kill the fatted turkey ... also, a little cranberry sauce on the side is nice."

The fact I know this just goes to prove that my degree in theology has practical application after all.

The first Canadian Thanksgiving, celebrated in 1578, had nothing to do with the fall harvest. Explorer Martin Frobisher returned home to Newfoundland, having failed to find the Northwest Passage, and held a feast to celebrate.

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Originally called the "OK, I'm a Loser but at Least I'm Still Alive" festival, this was later shortened to simply "Thanksgiving."

Before 1879, the date of Thanksgiving depended entirely on the whim of the government and shifted around without apparent rhyme and reason, much like social service funding does today. In 1957, Parliament finally confirmed Thanksgiving to be the second Monday in October and a statutory holiday was declared throughout country. Except among those plucky Maritimers in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P.E.I, who insisted, "No way are we letting Ottawa tell us what to do" even though it was pointed out that it meant getting a day off work.

Today, Thanksgiving is a celebration of nature's bounty. Growing up, my school invited students to put together an annual display of harvest items.

There was always a pineapple. I'm not sure why this was, given that our small, Ontario farming town wasn't really known for its abundant pineapple output. A friend in Edmonton says her school's harvest table always featured at least one Snickers bar. That, I get. I'm thankful for chocolate once a month, minimum.

This ends our history segment. Next week, Part II: "Tips for putting the Thanks in Thanksgiving." For instance, "The best part of any holiday is spending time with family. Sometimes it helps if the family you spend time with is not your own."

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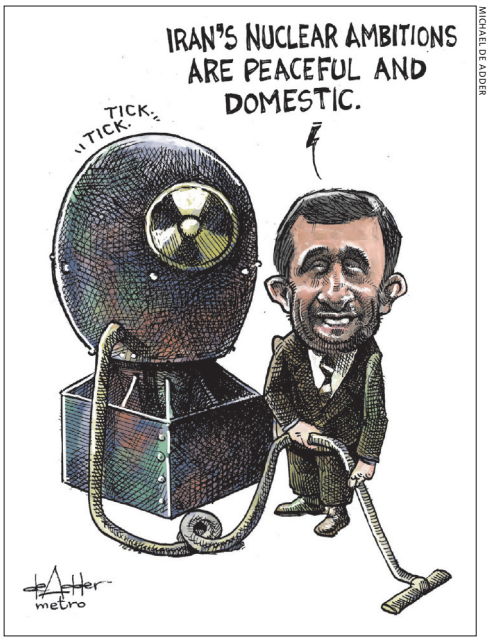

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Views

Calgary needs a refresher on transit etiquette

InTransit

Last week's unseasonably warm temperatures got me thinking, upon disembarking the crammed, hot train, a little stickier than when I boarded.

I thought, we Calgarians need a refresher on public transit etiquette.

And when I say we, I mean those nose-picking, door-holding, backpack-ramming, seat-hogging, religion-pushing, cleavage-gawking, cellphone-talking, door-blocking, germ-spreading, newspaper-littering, smelly riders. I don't mean me.

This is a crash course in how to ride the LRT without making enemies.

Feel free to clip this and pass it along as a public service.

Upon boarding the train, make your way past the doors so others can board, too. It's public transit and the first rule is: We're all sharing the train. That also means the majority's interests outweigh the individual's — don't hold the door for latecomers or we'll all be late.

When you're ready to take your seat, take one seat only.

Your backpack, briefcase and other belongings get to share that one seat with you.

Further, seniors, the disabled and pregnant women trump your desire to relax — be polite and offer your seat to the aforementioned.

Please arrive to the train fit for public consumption. Showering and applying a healthy dose of antiperspirant or deodorant before leaving your house will keep the inevitable rush hour stench down a bit.

As well, nobody wants to see you applying your makeup, clipping or filing your nails, brushing your hair, horking mucus or picking your nose.

Keep a Kleenex or hanky in your pocket. And consider the potential pandemic consequences before riding while ill.

Under the category, R-E-S-P-E-C-T, I'll address personal space, volume and privacy.

The C-Train is not a nightclub; this means yelling, singing, cheesy pickup lines and touching are not acceptable. If you must gawk, use the two-second rule. Observe your neighbour's signals; if she is looking away, not responding or switching seats, then she is just not that into you or your conversation — leave her alone. It should also go without saying those around you do not want to listen to your very important cellphone conversation or the tunes from your iPod. We'd also rather not see two 16-year-olds playing tonsil tag.

Two final points — take your newspaper, gum and wrappers with you when you disembark, and if you're riding the escalator upon disembarking, walk left, stand right!

These few simple courtesies could go a long way to make the daily commute a little more humane.

Adrienne Beattie is a Calgary-born writer who has covered urban issues since 2001 and has an English degree from the University of Calgary.

Worth Mentioning

Bank of America sued for $1,784 billion trillion

Dalton Chiscolm is unhappy about Bank of America's customer service — really, really unhappy.

Chiscolm in August sued the largest U.S. bank and its board, demanding that "1,784 billion, trillion dollars" be deposited into his account the next day. He also demanded an additional $200,164,000, court papers show.

Attempts to reach Chiscolm were unsuccessful. A Bank of America spokesman declined to comment.

"Incomprehensible," U.S. District Judge Denny Chin said in a brief order released to a Manhattan federal court.

"He seems to be complaining that he placed a series of calls to the bank in New York and received inconsistent information from a 'Spanish woman,'" the judge wrote. "He apparently alleges that cheques have been rejected because of incomplete routing numbers."

Chin has experience with big numbers. He's the judge who sentenced Bernard Madoff to a 150-year prison sentence for what the government called a $65-billion Ponzi scheme. REUTERS

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Yahoo director to resign at year's end

Yahoo Inc. director Maggie Wilderotter plans to step down from the slumping Internet company's board at the end of this year. The resignation will leave Yahoo with 11 directors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ontario in green power talks

Samsung may bring wind, solar-energy business to province

South Korean electronics and industrial giant Samsung is in talks with the Ontario government to establish a renewable energy business in the province.

In a release, Ontario says talks have been ongoing for months and progress is being made toward an agreement.

In May, Samsung announced plans to enter the wind turbine market in 2010.

The company has also entered the solar panel business, and both solar panel and wind turbine manufacturing in Ontario are reported to be part of the talks.

Dalton McGuinty

Ontario's manufacturing sector has shed hundreds of thousands of jobs in the face of the global recession. Premier Dalton McGuinty has championed his government's Green Energy Act as a significant move to attract green investment to the province.

The new act includes a feed-in tariff program — the amount paid to producers of renewable energy — which will range from 10.3 cents per kilowatt hour to 80.2 cents. The feed-in tariff payments are designed to encourage large- and small-scale energy production. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Investors' eyes on U.S. job reports coming this week

RECOVERY A number of key economic reports this week will give investors more insight into whether the fundamentals are truly in place to allow financial markets to continue building on the strong gains of the past seven months.

Given the market's sensitivity to bad news, there will likely be caution ahead of the most important piece of economic data coming during the week, the U.S. jobs report.

The consensus among economists calls for a loss of about 180,000 jobs, less than the 216,000 jobs eliminated during August when the unemployment rate ticked two tenths of a point higher to 9.7 per cent — the highest rate since June 1983.

Economists also expect the unemployment rate to head up a 10th of a point to 9.8 per cent. A reading of around 175,000 would be the best showing since August 2008.

9.8% Unemployment in the U.S. is expected to rise one-tenth of a point in reports to be released this week.

Canadian jobs figures for September will not be released until Oct. 9.

Toronto markets fell last week following four straight weeks of gains as doubts arose about the strength of the recovery at home. Canadian retail sales for July fell unexpectedly and there were disappointments with U.S. housing resale figures and durable goods orders for August. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

AUTO Ford Canada intends to slash its Canadian manufacturing presence from 13 per cent to eight per cent of total North American production despite requests from its union to the contrary, the Canadian Auto Workers says. Ford and the union have been negotiating a new contract since Sept. 8, but have reached an impasse over how much production Ford intends to keep in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

INTERNET Twitter has lined up $100 million US to finance its operations while its founders plot ways to make money off one of the Internet's most popular communications tools. The investment values the company at $1 billion US, even though it has yet to generate any real revenue. The latest stakes were sold to three of Twitter's existing investors and two new shareholders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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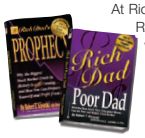

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Robert Kiyosaki will not attend this workshop.

Car Insurance Roadblock

Consumers concerned insurers don't want drivers with tickets or accidents

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No. Sadly, this is a mistake many drivers make and it can be a costly one, especially if they don't bother to shop around for the lowest rate available. The key to finding the best rate, especially if you have tickets or accidents on your driving record, is to figure out which insurance company of the more than 20 in Alberta has the best rate for your particular situation. And with rates varying so wildly across companies, chances are you are not with the company that has the lowest rate for your profile right now.

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Beleaguered mortgage company pays $5.5M for CFO
Freddie Mac's new chief financial officer, lured from the banking industry this month, is receiving a pay package worth up to $5.5 million US. The government-controlled mortgage finance company tapped Ross Kari for the position on Sept. 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chrysler looks to small cars

Chrysler thinks its future may be in a new lineup of smaller cars based on models from Italian partner Fiat. The question is how to make them for Americans put off by stiff suspensions, firm seats and few cupholders.

Americans are also generally plumper and taller, and they're used to driving fatter, longer cars on wider roads. It's a dilemma faced by nearly all automakers as they try to hold down costs by tailoring cars to sell around the globe. But nowhere is the problem more acute than Chrysler, where a wholesale lineup change is needed quickly to boost sagging sales.

On Friday, Chrysler's board was to consider a new model lineup that would consist of reworked Chrysler products on the larger end and everything from mid-sized cars to minis built on smaller Fiat frames, a person briefed on the agenda said.

Through August, Chrysler's sales were down 39 per cent compared with the same period last year, the largest decline of any major automaker. "They need better entries and they need them yesterday," said Michael Robinet, vice-president of CSM Worldwide, a Detroit-area auto industry consulting firm. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business in brief

CHARGES The City of Calgary has laid charges under Alberta's Safety Codes Act against three companies after debris flew off a building under construction this summer and killed a three-year-old girl.

TSX The Toronto Stock Exchange said Friday it has received approval for changes to its rules to require security-holder approval in takeover deals that result in a company increasing its share base by 25 per cent or more. The rule change, which will come into effect on Nov. 24, was approved by the Ontario Securities Commission after an extensive public consultation process. THE CANADIAN PRESS

COMMUNICATIONS AT&T Inc. said Friday Google Inc.'s Internet phone program gets an unfair advantage from blocking calls to rural areas where local carriers charge high connection fees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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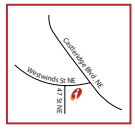

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Read on

Interested in learning more about tuna? Author Richard Ellis (who's written about great white sharks, tigers and other endangered creatures) explores how tuna got to be so threatened in Tuna: A Love Story.

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Save rainforests while net surfing

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen

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A green search engine? Is that really necessary? I mean how "ungreen" is a regular search?

Those were our thoughts when we first heard about Forestle.org. Forestle is a search engine started in Germany in 2008 that is apparently not only carbon dioxide neutral but also saves the rainforests.

How can this be, you say? Well, Forestle is non-profit site that tracks the carbon dioxide emissions caused by running their own servers, the network infrastructure and also the projected emissions caused by the computers of those who perform Forestle searches.

They then use part of the revenue generated from advertising on their site to purchase renewable energy certificates that are investments in wind, solar, geothermal, tidal and other renewable forms of energy. The rest of their revenue, after they maintain their servers and use about 10 per cent for administrative costs, is donated to the Adopt an Acre program, which is run by the Nature Conservancy to sustainably protect rainforests.

Forestle is non-profit search engine site that donates part of its revenue to the Adopt an Acre program, which helps protect rainforests.

Forestle calculates that they save about 0.1 square metres of rainforest per Internet search. This may not seem like much but we personally perform at least five Internet searches per day (there are a lot of things we don't know) so now we are up to half a square metre of rainforest per day, or 182 square meters per year.

Forestle posts monthly reports on their earnings and acres of rainforest protected and they estimate that to date they have protected almost 1.7 million square metres of rainforest.

Visit Forestle.org, a green search engine site

Forestle originally planned to partner with Google for their Internet searches, however this agreement fell apart for some reason and they are now partnered with Yahoo.

So how well does the search engine work? We tried a few searches on both Forestle and Google. Some of the links that turned up were the same and some were different. Both search engines gave us useful information and it did not appear that one engine was any better than the other. In fact, it looks like if you are having trouble finding information it might be useful to try both Forestle and Google. The one advantage Google does have is that you if you are using Google.ca you can click on the "pages from Canada" button that filters out most US sites, which is useful if you are trying to find something in Canada.

A person forges a deep bond of trust with their search engine. We have to trust it to give us the most relevant information. However, it seems like Forestle is very good idea and is at least worth trying.

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Johnson wins at Dover
Jimmie Johnson swept the season races at Dover International Speedway to accelerate his bid for a fourth straight Sprint Cup title. Johnson cut Hendrick Motorsports teammate Mark Martin's points lead Sunday with the victory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Vick returns with little impact

Michael Vick played in an NFL game that counted, though he didn't account for much of the Philadelphia Eagles' offence. Vick carried once for seven yards, threw two incompletions and either handed off or was a decoy on eight other plays as the Philadelphia Eagles defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 34-7 yesterday in the quarterback's first regular-season action since December 2006. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lions finally win one

After 19 losses in a row, team gets victory against Washington

NFL RESULT

Washington 14 Detroit 19

AT

The Detroit Lions' losing run is over.

Matthew Stafford threw an early 21-yard touchdown pass to Bryant Johnson and the two connected to draw a key penalty that set up a TD in the fourth quarter as the Lions ended a 19-game losing streak.

They beat the Redskins 19-14. Detroit (1-2) had not won since Dec. 23, 2007 and their skid matched the second longest in NFL history.

Elsewhere in the NFL yesterday, it was: Minnesota 27 San Francisco 24; Philadelphia 34 Kansas City 14; New York Jets 24 Tennessee 17; Green Bay 36 St. Louis 17; Baltimore 34 Cleveland 3; Jacksonville 31 Houston 24; New York Giants 24 Tampa Bay 0; New England 26 Atlanta 10; and Indianapolis 31 Arizona 10.

At Detroit, Washington (1-2) pulled within five points on Jason Campbell's second touchdown pass with 2:36 left in the game, but couldn't prevent the Lions from picking up a first down that ran time off the clock and cost it three timeouts.

The Redskins had their last of many chances to win from their 22 with 1:05 left and couldn't get inside the 20 before time expired.

Following a brief meeting and prayer in the locker room, first-year coach Jim Schwartz sent his players back to the field to celebrate nine months after becoming the first NFL team to have an 0-16 season.

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Quarterback Matthew Stafford of the Detroit Lions runs with the football against the Washington Redskins at Ford Field in Detroit yesterday. The Lions defeated the Redskins 19-14.

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Mickelson wins Tour title, Woods collects bonus

GOLF Phil Mickelson capped off a tumultuous summer at home with a spectacular rally yesterday to win the Tour Championship.

Phil Mickelson

Tiger Woods finished another big year by winning the FedEx Cup and its $10-million US bonus.

In a riveting conclusion to golf's regular season, its two biggest stars shared the stage at East Lake with trophies that were meaningful in vastly different ways.

Mickelson seized control with a 31 on the front nine and closed with a 5-under 65 for a three-shot victory, his first since his wife and his mother were diagnosed with breast cancer in the spring. Both have a positive outlook in their recovery, although it has been an emotional burden for Lefty over the last three months.

For the third time this year, Woods struggled while playing in the final pairing. He didn't make a birdie until the 15th hole, and by then it was too late to catch Mickelson. Woods closed with an even-par 70, ending his playoff streak of eight consecutive rounds in the 60s, and was alone in second.

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Sports in brief

WHL Joel Broda scored a power-play goal at 14:14 of the third period to lead the Calgary Hitmen to a 3-2 win over the Red Deer Rebels in Western Hockey League action yesterday. Ian Schultz and Tyler Fidder each chipped in with a goal and an assist for the Hitmen (4-0), who trailed 2-1 after the second period before rallying to record the victory. Defenceman Michael Stone added a pair of assists..

SPEEDSKATING Canada's short-track speedskaters wrapped up a successful weekend yesterday with a pair of relay medals at the Seoul World Cup. The men's relay team won silver in the 5,000 metres and the women added bronze in the 3,000 metres. Canada finished the event with four medals after Charles Hamelin's gold in the 500 metres Saturday and Kalyna Roberge's bronze in the women's 500.

FORMULA ONE McLaren's Lewis Hamilton won the Singapore Grand Prix yesterday, while Brawn GP driver Jenson Button extended his Formula One championship lead by one point. Hamilton started from the pole and protected his lead to finish 9.6 seconds ahead of Toyota's Timo Glock.

BASEBALL Catcher Lucas May hit a three-run homer as the United States defended its baseball World Cup title with a 10-5 win over Cuba yesterday. Canada defeated Puerto Rico 6-2 on Saturday to win bronze.

FOOTBALL Florida quarterback Tim Tebow was released from hospital yesterday morning, about 12 hours after taking a hard hit to the head in a game against Kentucky. Coach Urban Meyer said that Tebow sustained a concussion when he was sacked on Saturday.

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Gustafson captures first title since 2003

GOLF Sophie Gustafson is finally an LPGA Tour winner again, cruising to a four-stroke victory over top-ranked Lorena Ochoa in the CVS/pharmacy LPGA Challenge yesterday.

The 35-year-old Swede shot a 4-under 68 at Blackhawk Country Club and finished at 20-under 268 to win her first title since the 2003 Samsung World Championship. She takes home the $165,000 US winning purse for her fifth career tour victory.

She beamed while walking across the bridge to the 18th green, even high-fiving a tournament official. Once it was official, she shared a long embrace with her caddie.

The five-foot-10 Gustafson, who overcame her first two bogeys on the front nine all week, never dazzled but she didn't have to on a day Ochoa struggled to putt.

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Yankees beat Red Sox to take division

MLB RESULT

Boston 2 New York 4

AT

Andy Pettitte and the New York Yankees wrapped up the AL East title and home-field advantage throughout the post-season with a neat bow, beating the Boston Red Sox 4-2 Sunday for their 100th win of the season.

Hideki Matsui's go-ahead single in the sixth inning energized the damp fans and put them on notice that a party was coming. The first real celebration at the new Yankee Stadium began with a most familiar scene — Mariano Rivera on the mound, closing out another clinching victory.

Still to be determined is who New York will meet in the best-of-five opening round, and when. They'll most likely face the AL Central winner, either Detroit or Minnesota.

Once all the playoff teams are determined, the Yankees will get one hour to decide which playoff schedule they prefer. They can choose to start on either Oct. 7 or Oct. 8; the earlier start date includes a day off between the first two games.

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Sunderland downs Wolves in wild contest

SOCCER Kenwyne Jones scored twice as Sunderland beat Wolves 5-2 in an incident-packed Premier League game yesterday.

A match that had two penalties, two own goals and a free kick just six yards from the goal line ended with Sunderland holding onto eighth place in the standings after a fourth victory in seven games. Wolves remained 16th after losing for the fourth time.

Manchester United took over the lead on Saturday with a 2-0 victory at Stoke while Chelsea's six-game winning streak in the league this season ended with a 3-1 defeat at Wigan.

Fernando Torres hit three as Liverpool outplayed Hull 6-1 and Robbie Keane scored four in Tottenham's 5-0 crushing of Burnley.

Arsenal won 1-0 at Fulham, Bolton triumphed 2-1 at Birmingham, Everton came away from last place Portsmouth 1-0 and Blackburn captured a 2-1 victory over Aston Villa.

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University of Calgary pro-life club puts up controversial display

Campus Pro-Life, a student group at the University of Calgary, launched its controversial on-campus campaign again last Wednesday, weeks before several club members are scheduled to face a judge over charges they trespassed on campus when they put up the display last year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Outspoken York prof speaks out

Toronto's York University professor David Noble is asking a human rights tribunal to find the institution has penalized him for his outspoken criticism of the university. Noble has accused York of having a pro-Israeli bias. Appearing before the tribunal this week, former York president Lorna Marsden and current president Mamdouh Shoukri denied any retaliation against Noble. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Workology in **brief**

WORRIES According to a recent survey conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers, nine out of 10 university students in Canada are concerned about how the recession will affect their job prospects. Of the 673 university students surveyed from across Canada, 52 per cent said that the current economy has made them rethink their plans for the future, and 21 per cent of those indicated that they would accept work in an area not directly related to their major. The survey also found that due to students' financial worries, 41 per cent have reduced their spending habits.

SALARIES ON ICE A recent salary increase survey conducted by global human resources consulting and outsourcing company Hewitt Associates, reveals that almost one-third, or 29 per cent of Canadian employers froze salaries in 2009 — the largest percentage in a decade. As for 2010, employers from across Canada indicated a feeling of guarded optimism with respect to salary increases for the coming year. Six and a half per cent of the 387 Canadian organizations that participated in the survey plan to continue freezing salaries.

–HEATHER BUCHAN/ FOR METRO CANADA

OddJobs

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Will return

Sick of trendy words?

Survey reveals most loathed and out-of-date sayings in the office

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Buzzwords quickly turn into drones, and phrases that once sounded cool become distinctly ungroovy. Accountemps, a temporary staffing company based in California, recently revealed today's most overused office buzzwords and Metro sat down with a linguist to find out how language love turns to language loathing.

The survey showed "it is what it is" and "at the end of the day" to be two of the worst offenders.

"When business or industry terms become overused, people stop paying attention to them," explained Max Messmer, chairman of Accountemps. "The best communicators use clear and straightforward language that directly illustrates their points."

The out-of-favour phrases included game changer, as in "Transitioning from products to solutions was a game changer for our company," value-add, as in "We have to evaluate the value-add of this activity before we spend more on it," and leverage, as in "We intend to leverage our investment in IT infrastructure across multiple business units to drive profits."

Other offenders were synergy, customer-centric and think outside the box. Bosses were also sick of hearing about the recession, depression, down sizing and doing more with less.

Sally Rice, professor of linguistics at the University of Alberta, said buzzwords are like fashion trends in clothes. Some, like "cool," stick around to become stylish, while others, like "groovy," become unfashionable.

"They foster group identity. That's what slang is all about," Rice explained. "It's language fashion. When it gets overdone, people start to react (against it)."

Early buzzwords for the Internet were "information superhighway" and the "surfing" metaphor. The information superhighway is fast going the way of bell bottoms while surfing the web seems to have the holding power of blue jeans.

"Some words get into the mainstream and go 'viral,' to use an example," Rice said. "Vlog" and "Blog" were born as buzzwords around the same time. While vlog, a video log, is failing, blog is quickly losing its origins as a "web log" and becoming a regular word.

Rice said it's unpredictable which buzzwords will cross over to general use and which will wind up on most-hated surveys.

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Jamie Pressly is married
Jaime Pressly has a new name: Mrs. Singh. On Saturday, the My Name Is Earl actress married entertainment lawyer Simran Singh in front of family and friends in Malibu. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment

Life is over
The CW network's The Beautiful Life has been cancelled after just two episodes. The show made the news in July when star Mischa Barton was hospitalized for an undisclosed medical problem. POPEATER.COM

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Dealing with the downturn

NFB tells stories of Canadians tripped up by the recession

HANNAH ZITNER
for Metro Canada

Christian, a 40-year-old artist, used to live in New York City selling paintings to wealthy New Yorkers. He now lives in a kitchenless apartment in Windsor where he makes $100 a week.

Stuart, a middle-aged factory worker, used to work at the AbitibiBowater pulp and paper mill plant in Grant Falls, N.L. He now runs a government sponsored cranberry farm that won't see fruit for at least three years.

These are the stories of Canadians dealing with what some call the worst economic crisis since the great depression, and the National Film Board is following, capturing and sharing these stories with their latest project, GDP: Measuring the Human Side of the Canadian Economic Crisis.

The project, which is the first large-scale collaboration between the French and English departments, is an interactive website featuring documentaries and photo essays about Canadians dealing with the recession.

"(The project) is a huge experience for all of us, it's completely different than what we usually do," producer Marie-Claude Dupont said from the NFB's head office in Montreal.

The NFB has been creating traditional documentaries for the past 60 years, but as part of a new digital strategy, is taking things online and interactive.

"The people are part of the project," Dupont said, adding that users will not only be able to comment on the stories, but also upload their own anecdotes, images and videos.

GDP: Measuring the Human Side of the Canadian Economic Crisis is an interactive website featuring documentaries and photo essays about Canadians dealing with the recession.

The project follows 15 Canadians for a year as they adapt to new circumstances and reinvent themselves in the face of the recession. Each week, a new chapter of their story is added to the site as a four-minute documentary shot by local filmmakers.

The characters come from across the country and from diverse employment backgrounds. Communities that aren't following characters all year, will share their stories through photo essays shot by local and regional photographers.

As part of a national strategy to tell engaging stories about Canadians to Canadians, the NFB says all content on the site is available in both French and English. The idea for the interactive documentary stemmed from a desire to create a dialogue about the crisis as well as establish a historical record of the era.

"It will be something like a time capsule," Michelle Van Beusekom, assistant director general of English programming, said.

"For us, it's a way of sharing our stories and seeing how other people are affected. But in the future — 50 years from now, 100 years from now — people can look back."

More details

- GDP: Measuring the Human Side of the Canadian Economic Crisis goes live this week and will run for the next year. gdp.nfb.ca

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Alien drama V to end with cliffhanger

ABC will air its alien-invasion drama V in two parts starting in November and then continuing after the Olympics in March 2010. "We're planning to air four episodes in November and end with a cliffhanger," a rep for the show says. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Swiss arrest Polanski on U.S. warrant in sex case

Director Roman Polanski was arrested by Swiss police as he flew in for the Zurich Film Festival and faces possible extradition to the United States for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl, authorities said Sunday.

GETTY IMAGES

Roman Polanski

Polanski was scheduled to receive an honorary award at the festival when he was arrested Saturday at the airport, the Swiss Justice Ministry said. It said U.S. authorities have sought the arrest of the 76-year-old director around the world since 2005.

"There was a valid arrest request and we knew when he was coming," ministry spokesman Guido Balmer said. "That's why he was taken into custody."

Balmer said the U.S. would now have to make a formal extradition request.

Polanski fled the U.S. in 1978, a year after pleading guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse with the underage girl. The director of such classic films as Chinatown and Rosemary's Baby has asked a U.S. appeals court in California to overturn a judges' refusal to throw out his case. He claims misconduct by the now-deceased judge who had arranged a plea bargain and then reneged on it.

The Swiss statement said Polanski was in "provisional detention for extradition," but added he would not be transferred to U.S. authorities until all proceedings are completed. Polanski can contest his detention and any extradition decision in the Swiss courts, it said.

Polanski has lived for the three decades in France, where his career has flourished, and he received a directing Oscar in absentia for the 2002 movie The Pianist. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

O'Brien expected back soon after hitting head during skit

Conan O'Brien Is expected to be back on the job tonight after hitting his head during a Tonight Show stunt.

O'Brien

"Conan is resting comfortably at home. He is expected to return to work on Monday," NBC said in a statement.

The accident Friday halted production of Tonight, NBC said. The network did not say what the stunt entailed. O'Brien was examined at a hospital Friday and was released, although the network did not say when.

A Tonight rerun with guest Jeremy Piven aired Friday. According to NBC's website, the scheduled show was supposed to include Desperate Housewives actress Teri Hatcher and Seth McFarlane (Family Guy, The Cleveland Show). Actress Drew Barrymore and jockey Joe Talamo were the scheduled guests for Monday."

"Last thing I remember I was enjoying the play with Mrs. Lincoln, and the next thing I knew I was in bed being served cookies and juice" O'Brien said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Origin:Orphan marks a significant shift in the The Hidden Camera's sound. The record was released last week.

Focus on new sound

Hidden Cameras shake up their trademark orchestral pop

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada

"I don't see myself as a tyrant. Benevolent dictator is more like it." That's how Joel Gibb of The Hidden Cameras describes his role as the band's leader and founder.

Since forming the band in 2001, Gibb has been known as a meticulous collaborator who's had any number of artists and musicians add to his ornate musical tapestry.

The way he sees it, everyone he works with has a sense of what it takes to be a Hidden Camera. "I do have specific ideas about the production and proliferation of my music, but anyone involved knows and respects that," adds Gibb. "There is no creative struggle with anyone in the band — except maybe myself. So when we come together people are happy and expecting some direction from me."

"I love drones, I love fat horns, I love catchy guitar hooks, I love repetition and its subsequent variation, I love synths, I love guitar feedback. There is no struggle to balance anything." Joel Gibb

On the fifth Hidden Cameras full-length album, Gibb and his current cast of contributors have shaken up the foundation of their trademark orchestral pop. While he says that the album wasn't recorded "any differently than other albums," Origin:Orphan marks a significant shift in the band's sound beginning with the extended hum that opens first track Ratify the New.

"I think there is a diversity of tone and mood that has yet to appear on previous records," Gibb explains. "There are some dark moments, some eastern flavour, the feeling of a journey. I wanted to let each song develop on their own."

Gibb says this was a result of acting more on impulse instead of laying it all out in advance. "This record was a lot less premeditated then past records. I didn't start at a certain point with a specific plan."

This spontaneity allowed The Hidden Cameras to take chances with some of the creative decisions. Although the hooks and harmonies are still alive and well, the title track, for instance, has much in common with the brooding electronic rock of latter day Depeche Mode, and the synthesized Underage takes its cue from the trendy Afro-pop influence of Paul Simon's Graceland.

For Gibb, it was all a matter of self-gratification. "The record simply reflects my tastes in music," he says. "I love drones, I love fat horns, I love catchy guitar hooks, I love repetition and its subsequent variation, I love synths, I love guitar feedback. There is no struggle to balance anything."

As for whether Origin:Orphan will resonate with those who aren't already part of his flock, Gibb says he isn't losing sleep over it. "I would love this record to find a new audience, but I certainly do not sit in the studio dreaming of how to do that," he says. "The music needs to please me and appeal to my senses and be honest before I can think about anything else."

in concert

- The Hidden Cameras play Broken City in Calgary on Nov. 28.

Atlanta library gets Tupac papers
Tupac Shakur's mother has donated a collection of the rapper's writing to the Atlanta University Center's main library. Afeni Shakur has handed over more than 150 of her son's items, including rough drafts of lyrics and poems. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Frenzy over Roberts' India stint

FILM Young boys climbed trees and villagers crowded rooftops in a tiny dusty village in northern India yesterday to catch a glimpse of Academy Award winner Julia Roberts shooting her new film, Eat, Pray, Love.

Scores of policemen, armed with bamboo sticks, private guards and plainclothes security guards kept curious visitors at bay as the Pretty Woman star walked about the sets created at Mirzapur village, 65 kilometres south of the Indian capital, New Delhi.

Roberts was dressed in a turquoise blue tunic and loose pyjamas, the traditional clothes worn by millions of Indian women. In the film, she plays the part of an American woman who leaves behind a troubled marriage and sets out on a journey of self-discovery.

MUSTAFA QURAISHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Julia Roberts walks towards the sets of Eat, Pray, Love yesterday at Mirzapur village near New Delhi.

Newspapers and television stations in India have been covering Roberts' every move since she arrived in India accompanied by her three children nearly 10 days ago.

The shooting of the film began a few days ago, and started with prayers offered by a Hindu priest.

The Times of India newspaper quoted the priest, Swami Dharam Dev, as saying he had given the names of Hindu gods for her three children.

"I have named her twins Hazel and Phinnaeus as Laxmi and Ganesh, while Henry will be called Krishna Balram," he was quoted as saying.

The movie is directed by Ryan Murphy. It also stars Oscar-winner Javier Bardem, Viola Davis and Billy Crudup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In brief

SHOW Changes are afoot at Law&Order: Criminal Intent, with charter cast member Vincent D'Onofrio exiting the USA Network series and Jeff Goldblum taking over full-time. D'Onofrio's character, Detective Robert Goren, will say goodbye in a two-hour hand-off episode to open the ninth season early next year.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Essay reveals Macca's genius

TALENT A discovery in a Liverpool library has revealed that Paul McCartney's talent for writing was winning him prizes when he was just 10 — though for an essay about the Queen, rather than a hit song.

A British researcher said he found an essay written — in very tidy, curling script — by the future Beatle for the coronation of the Queen.

Kevin Roach said Sunday that he found the work in records at Liverpool's Central Library. Roach said the writing is "advanced — you would say it was written by someone who was older than 10 years old, more like 14 or 15."
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In New York moments

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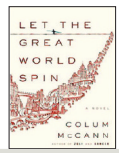

Let The Great **World Spin**

Authors: Column McCann
Publisher: HarperCollins Canada
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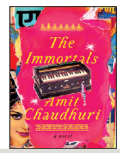
Philippe Petit's daring 1974 high wire expedition between the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York serves as the catalyst for Colum McCann's mosaic of the city, Let the Great World Spin. On trial for the "artistic crime of the century," Petit is but one character in the interconnected stories that ensue. From prostitute mother Tillie turning tricks to support her family, to the artist Blaine's wife Lara, who checks on victims of a car crash her husband drove away from, McCann weaves characters' lives together, offering glimpses of life familiar to post-9/11 New York.



The **Immortals**

Author: Amit Chaudhuri
Publisher: Knopf
Price: $32 (Hardcover)

Set in 1970s and '80s Bombay, The Immortals explores the relationships between art and business, and tradition and the future, by honing in on two very different families. Shyam Lol's father taught him classical singing, but Lol makes his modest living teaching modern songs and intonation. Nirmalya Sengupta's mother is a wealthy but talented student of Lol's. She wants him to teach her son, who goes against the grain vocally and in terms of his comfortable upbringing. Teacher and student grow to learn about each other's seemingly opposing lives and the struggle between classic and contemporary culture.

Women are Crazy, **Men are Stupid**

Author: Howard J. Morris, Jenny Leey
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Price: $29.99 (Hardcover)

Writer/comedian couple Howard J. Morris and Jenny Lee set out to conquer common relationship problems in Women Are Crazy, Men Are Stupid. Reading much like a comical guidebook, Morris and Lee examine why the sexes approach situations so differently, always relying on that basic idiotic-insane hypothesis. The pair tackles gender perspectives on issues like having extramarital sexual encounters in dreams, the taboo act of not noticing your mate's new haircut, just how much romance is necessary to fulfill a "romantic evening" and how high definition television affects love. BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA

Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the weekend beginning Sep. 25, according to studio estimates:

1. **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs:** $24.6 million US
2. **Surrogates:** $15 million
3. **Fame:** $10 million
4. **The Informant:** $6.9 million
5. **Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All Myself** $4.8 million
6. **Pandorum:** $4.4 million
7. **Love Happens:** $4.3 million
8. **Jennifer's Body:** $3.5 million
9. **9:** $2.8 million
10. **Inglourious Basterds:** $2.7 million

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critics' corner

Little Mosque on the Prairie
Mercy's Muslim residents enjoyed a great relationship with the Rev. Duncan Magee, who was always happy to rent out the parish hall to them. His replacement is not so happy about having them around. In the season premiere, the new preacher wants the Muslims gone, but he's about to get a lesson in tolerance from his congregants. 8:30 PM on CBRT

Heroes
While facing the unexpected consequences of his heroic acts, Peter meets a reluctant new hero. Claire tries to adjust to college life and the revelation of her ability. Samuel does everything in his power to recapture memories of Joseph, his late brother. Sylar mysteriously resurfaces in the new episode "Ink." 8 PM on CICT; 9 PM on KHQ

Trauma
Executive producer Peter Berg is behind this new medical drama series that follows the first responder paramedics on the trauma team of San Francisco City Hospital. The ensemble cast includes Cliff Curtis, Derek Luke, Anastasia Griffith, Aimee Garcia, Kevin Rankin, Taylor Kinney and Jamey Sheridan. 10 PM on CKAL KHQ

Jay-Z just wants to rock out

Hip-hop mogul Jay-Z is eyeing a move into rock music — he's desperate to work with U2 frontman Bono, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The rap superstar teamed up with nu-metal band Linkin Park for 2004's hit album Collision Course. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Sis slams Mac's sex story

SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET Bijou Phillips — daughter of '60s musician John Phillips — isn't happy with half-sister Mackenzie, who claims she had a decade-long sexual relationship with their father, usmagazine.com reports.

"When I was 13, Mackenzie told me that she had a consensual sexual relationship with our father. This news was confusing and scary, as I lived alone with my father since I was three," Bijou, 29, says in a statement to usmagazine.com.

"I didn't know what to believe, and it didn't help that shortly there after Mackenzie told me it didn't happen," she added. "Mackenzie's history with our father is hers, but also clouded with 30 years of drug abuse.

"I hope she can come to terms with this and find peace," Bijou continues. "The life I had with my father was very different. He was Mr. Mom, encouraging and loving. The man that raised me would never be capable of doing such things, and if he was, it is heartbreaking to me to think that my family would leave me alone with him.

"I understand Mackenzie's need to come clean with a history she feels will help others, but it's devastating to have the world watch as we try and mend broken fences, especially when the man in question isn't here to defend himself," her statement concludes.

Mackenzie's stepmother Michelle Phillips, 65, also slammed the story. She told Vanity Fair on Friday, "I'm so embarrassed — and mad. At Oprah, at the publisher, and at Mackenzie, who should be on a psychiatrist's couch, not on TV…"

She added, "Mackenzie has affected the lives of all her nieces and nephews, who are not going to school today and are staying home sobbing instead."

Chynna Phillips is standing behind her stepsister Mackenzie. She tells the new Us Weekly: "I have pretty much come to peace with the fact that she's written this book and that it's been a cathartic experience for her."

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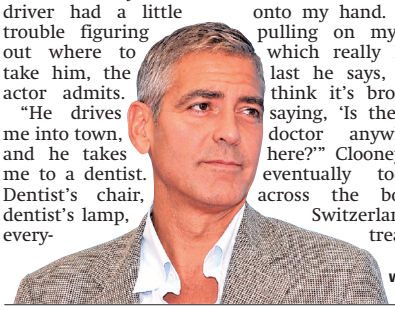
Doc? Dentist? What's the diff?

YOU'RE KIDDING When George Clooney slammed his hand in a car door last month in Italy, his local driver had a little trouble figuring out where to take him, the actor admits.



"He drives me into town, and he takes me to a dentist. Dentist's chair, dentist's lamp, everything," Clooney recalls, according to Yahoo! News.

"The guy comes in, pulls the dentist's lamp down onto my hand. He starts pulling on my fingers, which really hurts. At last he says, 'Hmm, I think it's broken.' I'm saying, 'Is there a real doctor anywhere in here?'" Clooney's driver eventually took him across the border to Switzerland for treatment.

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Anna's pooch has special role

DOG LOVE Though they haven't set a date yet, Anna Paquin and her True Blood co-star Stephen Moyer have one detail of their wedding ironed out: Paquin's dog will serve as ring bearer.

"Splash, my alpha, will be the ring bearer, although my son may not be too happy about that," she says, according to Showbiz Spy. Paquin admits they've figured little else out.

"We haven't planned anything. People always say that we are engaged to be married, and I always say I thought we were just engaged."

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Say it ain't so, LiLo

IT CAN GET WORSE Producers of Britain's Celebrity Big Brother have a big contestant in mind for their upcoming final season.

Sources say representatives from Endomol, which produces the series, were spotted in Singapore deep in negotiations with Lindsay Lohan about appearing on the lock-in series airing in January, according to the Sun.

As well, it looks like reports of Lohan misbehaving in New York and throwing room service in a hotel hallway last week were made up, according to Page Six.

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Celebrity tweets

Tila Tequila is looking to settle down for a few months, Sherri Shepherd suffers from a little early-morning tussling with her son and Samantha Ronson is uncomfortable with Twitter terminology.

• @officialTila Yea usually every summer I like 2 stay single & have summer flings! But every winter I like 2 shack up with only ONE person! who will it be?

• @SherriEShepherd Jeffrey wanted to wrestle, so I figured "what the hey"...it was fun until his foot shot out & connected with my eye...how long do I C stars?

• @samantharonson Can we not come up with something cooler than "tweet" or "tweeted"? I feel like such a dork every time I type or say that.

Angie too busy being mom to steam up big screen with Brad

MOMMY TIME Angelina Jolie says she's too busy to star in another film with partner Brad Pitt, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Oscar-winning actress — who famously met and fell in love with the handsome actor on the set of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, while he was still married to Jennifer Aniston — thinks it would be fantastic to work with him again but doesn't have the time because they raise six children together.

She said: "I'd love to work with him but we have a lot of kids."

Jolie says being parents to Maddox, eight, Pax, five, Zahara, four, Shiloh, three, and 15-month-old twins Knox and Vivienne is hard work as she and Pitt try and make sure all their kids are happy and fulfilled.

"We try to find a balance in our lives because we want to educate our children and fulfill our dreams as artists and as people.

"So before making a decision we think about it thoroughly because our family is our top priority. On a daily basis we make sure their schooling is going right and we're disciplining them properly and we're spending enough time with all of them individually."

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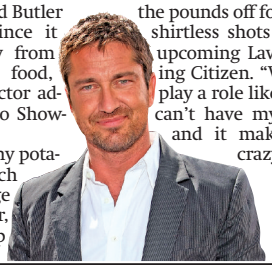
Butler is crazy for carbs

FOOD FIEND Gerard Butler hates dieting, since it keeps him away from his beloved fast food, the Ugly Truth actor admits, according to Showbiz Spy.

"I want to eat my potatoes and french fries and sponge cakes," says Butler, who had to keep the pounds off for some shirtless shots in the upcoming Law Abiding Citizen. "When I play a role like this, I can't have my carbs and it makes me crazy."



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New SNL member's F-bomb doozy

OOPS There was a Saturday Night Live F-bomb in the season premiere of the TV show, popeater.com reports.

During her inaugural SNL episode, new cast member Jenny Slate swore in the middle of a sketch about biker chicks.

"You stood up for yourself, and I f—ing love you for that," she said.

Her reaction afterwards was sheer oh-my-what-have-I-done.

SNL cast member Charles Rocket was fired in 1981 for using similar words, popeater.com adds.

The Associated Press says that NBC declined to comment on the incident, other than to say the word had been restored to "freakin'" for the show's replays in western time zones.

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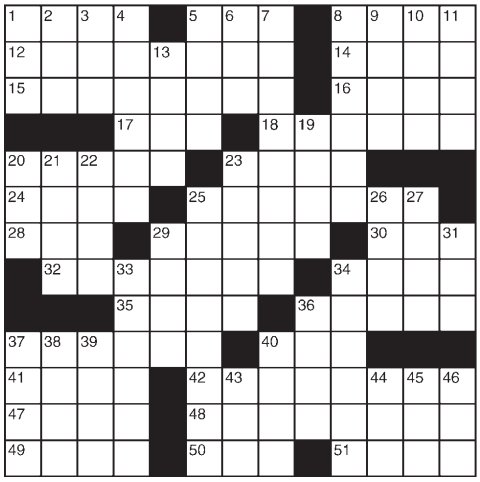

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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ACROSS

1 One of the Three Bears
5 Sample from a snifter
8 First victim
12 Lift
14 Hayseed
15 Christmas wreath adornment
16 Press clothes
17 Fresh
18 Rose protectors
20 Photographer Diane
23 Jailer's janglers
24 Traditional stories
25 Regard as forgivable
28 Sch. org.
29 Aspect
30 A Gershwin brother
32 Tornado
34 Paper holder
35 Hawaiian neckwear
36 Transparent
37 Ritzy cracker spread
40 Winter ailment
41 Lotion additive
42 Figaro portrayer, e.g.
47 Chess piece
48 Device measuring distance travelled
49 Formerly, formerly
50 Thanksgiving veggie
51 Old portico

DOWN

1 Energy
2 — Baba
3 Writing implement
4 Fifth or Madison
5 Pack cargo
6 Charged bit
7 Sham
8 Melodious
9 "Ironside" star
10 Black, in verse
11 Contact, e.g.
13 "Bullets," to a poker player
19 Jekyll's alter ego
20 Matterhorn, for one
21 Mil. training grp.
22 Heehaw
23 Zen paradoxes
25 Certain church singer
26 Cleopatra's river
27 A Great Lake
29 Entreaty
31 Spring mo.
33 Customer
34 Paratroopers' gear
36 Slender
37 Superhero costume part
38 Winged
39 Promises
40 Gift tag word
43 Oklahoma city
44 Mel of baseball
45 Ultramodernist
46 Historic time

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Marinated Pork Kabobs

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups (500 ml) plain yogurt
2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
4 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground coriander
2 lbs (1 kg) pork tenderloin, cut into 1-1/2-in. (3.5 cm) cubes
8 small white onions, halved
8 cherry tomatoes
1 medium red pepper, cut into 1-1/2-in. (3.5 cm) pieces
1 medium green pepper, cut into 1-1/2-in. (3.5 cm) pieces

METHOD:

1. In a large resealable plastic bag, combine yogurt, lemon juice, garlic, cumin and coriander; add pork. Seal the bag and turn to coat; refrigerate at least 1 hour, but preferably 6 hours or overnight.
2. Drain and discard the marinade. Alternately thread pork, onions, tomatoes and peppers on eight metal or soaked bamboo skewers.
3. Grill, barbecue or fry the kebabs covered over medium heat 15-20 minutes or until meat juices run clear.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
No matter what happens today, stay calm, or else your health could suffer. Avoid bad news: don't look at letters, texts or e-mails until late tomorrow.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Sometimes you're assertive, sometimes timid, and sometimes you can't decide what to be. But as of tomorrow your thoughts will begin to stabilize.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Today's cosmic picture will make it too easy to overestimate your own strength while underestimating what others can do. Be careful.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
It's important to know when to work with others and when to work against them. Work with them today — but don't get too close.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
According to the planets, if you bet big you could win big today, but you could just as easily lose everything you have got. So, do you feel lucky?

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You seem remarkably ambitious of late and employers and other important people have certainly made a note of your desire to get on in the world.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
No matter how laidback you are you'll be easily provoked today, especially if you think someone's taking liberties. But make sure you know all the facts.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Principles are always important, but rarely more so than now. Don't even think of betraying what you believe in today: You'll curse yourself later.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Employers and authority figures may have been difficult to get along with lately but they'll mellow over the next two or three days: Don't hold grudges.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone is going to try to convince you that what is going on in the world will have major repercussions. But they are wrong.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
At some point today you will get the chance to hold up your hand and admit that you made a mistake. Do so without embarrassment. It's no big deal.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The reason certain people are picking on you is that you've given them the impression you won't fight back. Surprise them: Give as good as you get.

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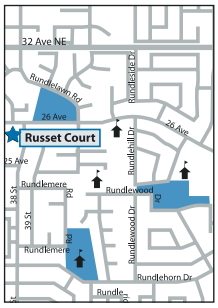

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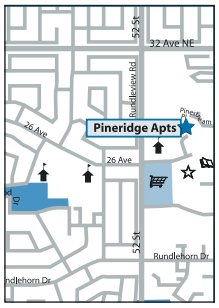

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